

# Atmosphere Archive and Distribution System (AADS)

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## Introduction

The MODIS Atmosphere Archive and Distribution System (AADS) will soon offer all MODIS Atmosphere Collection 5 products online. You can download products via anonymous FTP or use our web site to search and order with browse images available for most products. The web site will also offer typical geographic/temporal searches, data subsetting and select-to-order functionality.

The FTP archive uses a simple directory tree and is nearly self-explanatory. Use it when you know in advance what you want.

Here we will walk through a simple web order and illustrate some of the browse images that are available. It all starts here:

AADS Url: <http://aadsweb.nascom.nasa.gov/>

Start with L3 Browse to get a global view, then pick a date and product. Update!

Click to view two parameters side by side

Select region on global mosaic of Level-2 browse to display included granules

Change parameter to see the Aerosol Optical Depth browse. Update!

Result of a search for the L3 MOD08\_D3 product. Select "subset" and make more parameter choices below.

## Summary

We have described a new option for ordering MODIS Atmosphere data products. If you know exactly what you want use anonymous FTP:

<ftp://aadsweb.nascom.nasa.gov/>

Use the AADS web site to browse, search or order special product subsets.

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